



In the World of Sports



EXCELLENT SCORES AT H.K.R.A. MID-WEEK SHOOT AUGUR WELL FOR BISLEY MEET

Sixty-five members took part in the spoon shoot on Wednesday, and, in spite of a somewhat troublesome cross-wind, some good scores were made.

In the S.R. (b) class out of 25 competitors, 23 scored 80' and over, while 14 obtained 90 or more. In the S.R. (a) class, 19 out of 25 scored over 70. These results show a very considerable improvement, especially among the new members, which is very gratifying.

This augurs well for keen competition in the forthcoming Bisley Prize meeting, which takes place from March 27-April 1.

NETT SPOONS

Nett spoons were won by C.S.M. F. Maslen, R.E. firing a S.R. (a) rifle with a brilliant 92, and by P.S.M. V. Cooper, 1/Mx., who just missed his century by one point, but secured a possible at 500 yards.

Handicap spoons were won by Cpl. Naranjan Singh, H.K.P.R., Cpl. J. C. Remedios, H.K.V.D.C., Sgt. G. E. Briscoe, R.M., and A.S.P. D. Lole, H.K.P.R.

REVOLVER-FIRING

Keen shooting took place in the revolver competition at 10 and 15 yards. Mr. W. H. Tansley ex-H.K.P.R. securing the Nett spoon with 49 out of 60.

Next highest scores were S.I. A. C. Chan, H.K.P.R. 46; Lieut. G. C. Dawson, 1/Mx. 45; L.S. K. C. Hoo, H.K.P.R. 45.

WEDNESDAY SHOOT

On Wednesday, Jan. 17, firing will be at 500, 700 and 800 yards for S.R. (b) on "A" Range, Kowloon City, and 200, 500 and 600 yards for S.R. (a) on "B" Range, commencing at 1.45 p.m. There will also be revolver shooting.

LEADING SCORES

The leading scores on Wednesday were as follows:-

S.R. (b)
H'n 300 500 600 Total

P.S.M. V. W.
Cooper scr. 32 35 32 99^{nt}

Sgt. F. E.
Russell scr. 31 34 32 97

Mr. J. A. Guard 1 33 31 32 96

L/Cpl. S. G.
Brighty. 1 30 34 31 95

Sgt. G. E. Bress 2 33 32 30 95

S.Q.M.S. J. Ball nill 30 32 32 94

Sgt. R.J. Heap scr. 31 32 31 94

Cpl. F. Cole 2 31 32 30 93

Lt. A. J. Le Seelie scr. 32 32 28 92

A.S.P. D. Lole 3 31 30 30 91^{nt}

Mr. W. Trenouth 1 30 33 28 91

B/M.W. Kifford scr. 32 31 28 91

Lt. G. Dawson 1 28 33 29 90

S.I. A. Chan 2 30 32 28 90

P.S. Chanchal Singh 3 30 32 27 89

F/Sgt. F. Tollison 3 27 30 31 88

Capt. F. Sale 3 30 28 30 88

Mr. A. F. Evans 3 28 31 29 88

C/Sgt. P. Hale scr. 30 30 28 88

Capt. F. P. Sequiera scr. 29 30 28 87

Mr. H. G. Foreman 2 28 32 28 84

Sgt. K. C. Hoo 3 27 32 25 84

L.A.C. L. R. Runt 4 26 28 28 80

Mr. E. V. Mitchell 9 25 28 18 72

Sgt. C. Wong nill 22 23 23 73

S.R. (a)

C.S.M. E. Maslen 3 30 33 29 92^{nt}

Cpl. R. Langford scr. 27 30 30 87

L.S. N. L. Pan 7 26 30 28 84

Sgt. T. Baker scr. 26 30 27 83

Mne. S. Croft scr. 25 30 27 82

L/Sgt. W.R. Nunns 4 29 27 23 82

Mme. Jas Fletcher 8 29 27 26 82

Cpl. Naranjan

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ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1940.

17th, 19th, 20th, 21st and
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Entries for the above will close at 3.00 p.m. on SATURDAY,
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By Order of the Stewards,
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Hong Kong, 7th Jan., 1940.

Entry Fee 50.

EXCELLENT SCORES AT H.K.R.A. MID-WEEK SHOOT AUGUR WELL FOR BISLEY MEET

A SURPRISE SELECTION IN COLONY SOCCER XI



The uncertainty concerning the Interport football match against Shanghai vanishes on Monday with the selection of the Colony team which, for the first time, will visit the North without a single Chinese member. This will undoubtedly rob the match of its drawing power, as the Chinese are great favourites there.

The non-participation of Chinese players in this year's Interport match has drawn criticism from the Shanghai papers as to the advisability of inviting a Hongkong team composed mainly of non-Chinese civilians, for, in their opinion, the trip would be a failure from the financial point of view.

But these papers seem to have overlooked the fact that the Interport series were not inaugurated for the purpose of augmenting the funds of the two Associations concerned, but to foster the spirit of co-operation and, generally, to improve the game of football to the benefit of all those who follow this great winter game.

For this reason, local soccer fans, I am sure, will join with me in congratulating the Shanghai FA on their fine spirit.

In view of the many difficulties that have confronted the HKFA, it would unfair to criticize the local selections, though, I must say, I am surprised at seeing Honniball being given the left-wing berth.

A record that is without precedent will be the appearance of A. V. Gosano in his 11th Interport against Shanghai.

As there is ample time before the team sails for Shanghai on Feb. 4, the local authorities will no doubt take the opportunity of allowing the players "to get acquainted" in arranging practice games for them.

A good test would be to pit the Interport eleven against a combined Chinese team in a Charity game.

H.K.C.C. TEAMS FOR TOMORROW

The following teams will represent the Hongkong Cricket Club tomorrow at 2 p.m.:—

1st XI v. K.C.C. (F) at H.K.C.C.



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CHALLENGE TO REPUTED
NAZI AIR SUPERIORITY
BY ALLIES

4,000 PLANES
FROM U.S.

WASHINGTON, Jan. (Reuter)—The Allies purchasing agents in the United States are rapidly negotiating orders for warplanes for 1940 and 1941 and the result is expected to be a flow of planes, particularly bombers, across the Atlantic more than offsetting Germany's reputed air superiority.

10,000 NEEDED

In connection with these reports, the Allies' agents told United States aviation circles that a least 10,000 more machines will be needed from the United States within eighteen months.

White officials are reticent. It is understood that aviation circles consider the figure of 10,000 reasonably accurate.

PRESENT ORDERS

Britain and France at present have 2,010 combat planes on order and, before the end of 1940, orders

are expected to be completed for another 3,300, which is about the limit of United States factory capacity, but, by the beginning of 1941, United States factories will be able to supply the Allies with about 1,000 planes monthly.

PREMIER ABE MAKES DESPERATE EFFORTS

SHANGHAI, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The China Press, in a leading article, says that the most interesting political brainteaser from Japan today is whether Premier Abe's desperate efforts to set up a Central regime in China will finally save his tottering Cabinet.

The newspaper adds: "It is clear that programmes for organizing such a regime are being used by Premier Abe purely as political weapons to ward off those attacks which threaten to overthrow his Cabinet and they were cooked up without the powerful support of the Japanese military, or the important and powerful section of it, namely, the Japanese Army in China."



JEAN ARTHUR AND CARY GRANT are co-starred together for the first time in the new Howard Hawks production, "Only Angels Have Wings," which comes to the screen of the King's Theatre on tomorrow. They appear against the romantic background of tropical South America. Also featured in the Columbia picture, a story of reckless adventure in the skies, are Richard Barthelmess, Rita Hayworth and Thomas Mitchell.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orchestra.

Quickstep—A Sailboat In The Moonlight; Waltz—Moonlight Valley (film "Secret Service"); Quickstep—Apple Blossom Time; Slow Fox-Trot—A Mist Is Over The Moon (film "The Lady Objects"); Quickstep—Angels Never Leave Heaven; Quickstep—Cupid Etc.; Slow Fox-Trot—Kinda Lonesome (film "St. Louis Blues"); Waltz—St. Bernard Waltz; The Velets.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Val Rosing (Vocal) and The London Piano-Accordion Band.

Wine Song (film "Caravan"); Happy, I'm Happy (film "Caravan")—The London Piano-Accordion Band with Vocal Refrain; A Little Door; A Little Lock; A Little Key (Words); A Penny In My Pocket (film "Millions in the Air"); Val Rosing (Vocal) with Orchestra.

1.10 Excerpts from Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Pirates of Penzance."

Overture—Light Opera—Orchestra.

Four, Four, The Pirate Sherry—Stuart Robertson and Male Chorus.

When Fredie Was A Little Lad—Dorothy Gill; Oh, Better Far To Live and Die; Peter Dawson and Male Chorus.

O, False One, You Have Deceived Me—Dorothy Gill and Derek Oldham; The Mabel Poor Wandering One—Elsie Griffin and Chorus of Girls.

What Ought We To Do? Gentle Sisters, Say?—Nellie Brereton and Nelle Walker.

How Beautifully Blue The Skies—Elsie Griffin, Derek Oldham and Chorus of Girls; I Am The Very Model of A Modern Major General—George Baker and Chorus.

2.15 Close down.

6.00 An hour with Brahms.

Variations On A Theme By Haydn

"St. Antoni Chorale," Op. 56A—Philharmonic-Symphony Orchestra of New York cond. by Arturo Toscanini.

Brinnerup, Op. 63, No. 2; Von Eviger Liebe, Op. 43, No. 1—Alexander Kipnis (Cello) with Gerald Moore at the Piano; Sonata in F Minor, Op. 120, No. 1—Lionel Tertis (Viola) and Harriet Cohen (Piano). Brahms' Waltzes—Symphony Orchestra conducted by Walter Goehr.

7.00 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

7.02 Selections from "Home and Beauty," "Ball At The Savoy," "Careless Rapture" and "The Town Talk."

"Home and Beauty" — Selection—Adelphi Theatre Orchestra.

"Ball At The Savoy"—Vocal Gems (Hammerstein and Abraham)—Light Opera Company with Orchestra, "Careless Rapture" — Selection (Novello-Hasselbach).

Geraldo and His Orchestra, "The Town Talk" — Selection, (Ellis) — Vaudeville Theatre Orchestra with Donald Stewart.

7.15 Close down.

COMING EVENTS

PAN.

12—Tides: High 12.10 p.m. and 10.45 p.m.; Low 5.15 a.m. and 4.20 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.06 a.m.; Sunset: 5.53 p.m.

Old Cheltenham Dinner, 6.15 p.m.

St. David's Society, Annual Meeting Supreme Court Building, 6.30 p.m.

Concerto Club Darts, Pingpong and Billiards, 7.30 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Hall—Lecture on "First Aid" to Volunteer Nursing Department, 5.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church Hall, Whist Drive, 6.15 p.m.

Ladies Working Party (B.W.O.P.), Govt. House, 8 a.m.—1 p.m.

Christian Fellowship, Helena May Inst., 10.30 a.m.

Universal Week, St. John's Cathedral, 5.30 p.m.

H.K.C. Cricket League, Emergency Meeting, H.K.C.C. Pavilion, 5.30 p.m.

13—Tides: High 12.42 p.m. and 11.10 p.m.; Low 6.47 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.08 a.m.; Sunset: 5.53 p.m.

H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Entries Close for H.K. Jockey Club Annual Race Meeting, 3 p.m.

Rhodes at Yatay—Combined Services v. Club and Police, 4 p.m.

La Salle College, O.B.A. Dinner Dance, Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.

Wedding at Luk Kwoh Hotel—Tsang-Chan.

Cottage Club Paper Hunt, 3.30 p.m.

14—Tides: High 11.15 p.m. and 11.30 p.m.; Low 6.22 a.m. and 5.40 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.08 a.m.; Sunset: 5.53 p.m.

Semi-final of G. M. Young Golf Cup due for completion.

Macao Races.

Ladies Colony Tennis Championships: Doubles Semi-finals, U.S.R.C. Courts, 3 p.m.

Joint Meeting of Executives and Supervisors of National Red Cross Society of China.

Softball League.

Fanling Hunt Meet at Kitten Hill, 2.45 p.m.

15—Tides: High 1.45 p.m.; Low 6.55 a.m. and 6.23 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.07 a.m.; Sunset: 5.59 p.m.

Joint Meeting of Executives and Supervisors of National Red Cross Society of China.

16—St. Andrew's Club Whist Drive (open to public).

Fanling Hunt and Race Club Annual Meeting, Jardine, Matheson and Co. Office, 5.30 p.m.

R.E.O.C.A. Quarterly G.O. Mtg. St. Andrew's Mothers' Union, Annual Mtg.

17—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

18—Theosophical Society, 6 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. J. T. Hardway "The Opportunity in Theosophy."

19—Central British Assn. Dance, Crown Land Sales, D.O. South, 11 a.m.

20—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

R.E.O.C.A. Supper Dance.

C.H.A. and C.B.S. Reunion Cabaret Supper Dance, H.K. Hotel, 9 p.m.

Colony Ladies Tennis Championship Singles Final, U.S.R.C., 3 p.m.

21—Fanling Hunt and Race Club, Kwanti Races.

First Round of H.K. Golf Club Junior Championship due for completion.

22—First H.K.V.D.C. Camp Starts at Fanling.

St. Andrew's Club, Hotch-Potch Evening.

24—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

C.B.A. "Hot" Russian Dinner, 8.30 p.m.

Claims against H.K. Meat & Daily Produce Co. (Liquidation) due.

25—Theosophical Society, 6 p.m.—Speaker: Mr. J. H. Hadaway "Theosophy within Christianity and all Great Religions."

Burns' Night Dinner, Peninsula Hotel, 7.45 p.m.

27—Third Round of Stubbs Shield Golf Competition due to be completed.

H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Lai Wab Cup Football (Army v. Navy), Caroline Hill.

28—H.K. Riding School Gymkhana, 10 a.m.

H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Lai Wab Cup Football (Army v. Navy), Causeway Bay.

30—Second H.K.V.D.C. Camp Starts at Fanling.

31—H.K.R.A. Shoot.

Entries close for Trinity College of Music Practical Examination.

BRITISH CONTRABAND CONTROL

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—It is officially announced that for the week ending Jan. 8 the system whereby advance copies of cargo manifests are received and considered before a ship's arrival, resulted in 43 cases being so dealt with by the Conraband Committee and in 39 cases the ships concerned were released, subject to a formal checking of the original manifests on arrival at the control bases.

SHORT TALKS FROM B.B.C.

(All Hongkong Time)

Monday—Background to the News, 11.00 p.m.

Tuesday—Background to the News, 8.15 a.m.

In England Now, 11.00 p.m.

Cards on the Table, 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday—In England Now, 8.15 a.m.

Cards on the Table, 8.15 a.m.

Matters of Moment, 11.00 p.m.

Thursday—Matters of

Moment, 8.45 a.m.

Background to the News, 11.00 p.m.

Fridays—In England Now, 8.15 a.m.

Saturday—In England Now, 8.15 a.m.

London Log, 8.45 a.m.

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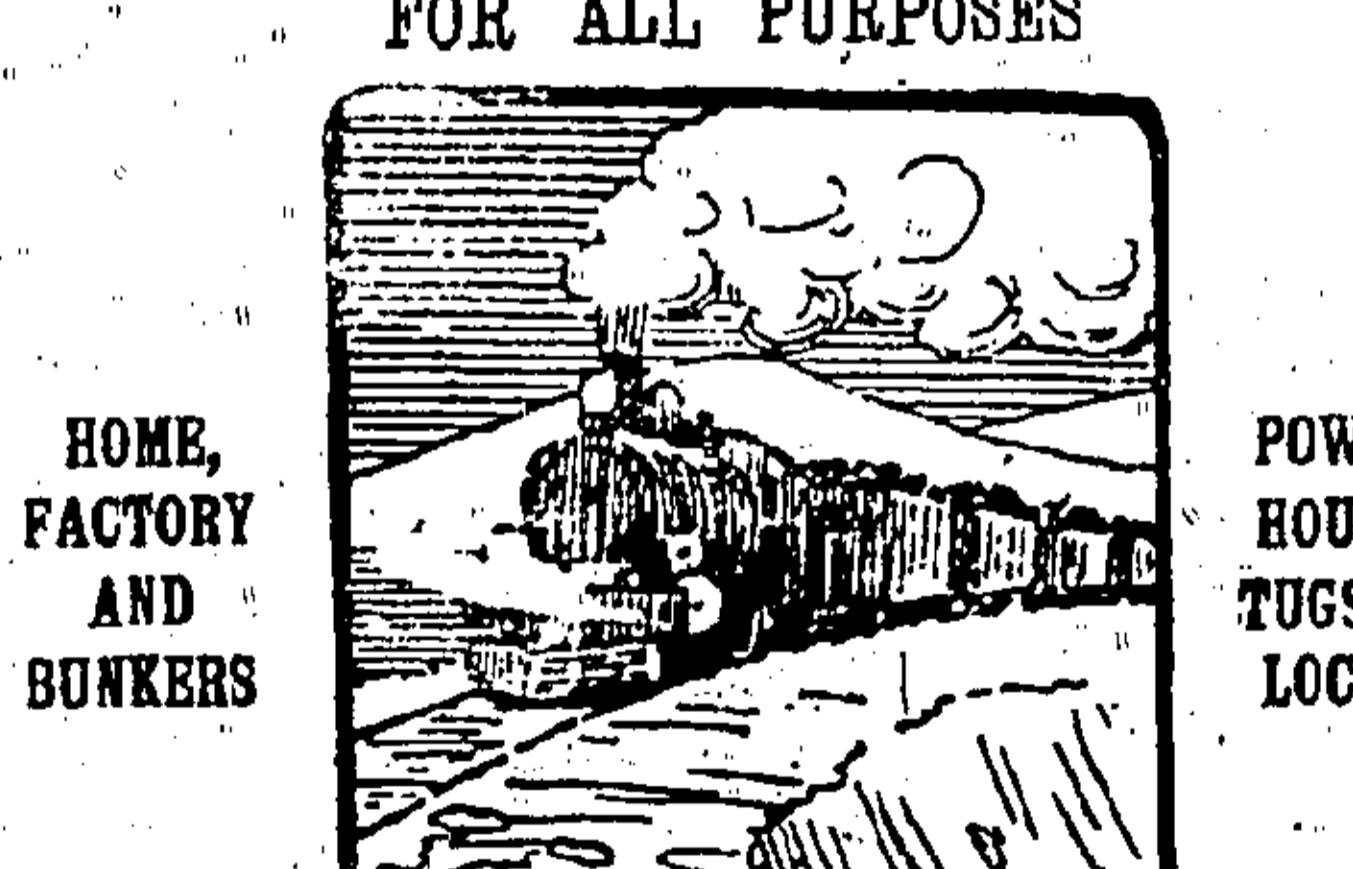
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BRITISH SHIP WHICH ESCAPED AIR BOMBING IN SPANISH WAR SUNK BY NAZIS

BRITAIN'S ENVOY IN MOSCOW BACK IN ENGLAND

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Sir William Seeds, British Ambassador in Moscow, arrived back in England yesterday, accompanied by Lady Seeds.

ADDITIONAL TAXATION IN GERMANY

I.O.U. NOTES FOR WORKERS' WAGES

BERLIN, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Some indication of the additional taxation the German people have to shoulder is now disclosed in the German press.

Some £5,000,000 a year will have to be squeezed out of the people and there has been much speculation as to what methods will be used.

EXTRA INCOME TAX

It is certain, however, that an extra tax of 9.16 per cent. on 1939 incomes will be claimed and, this, the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung points out, will bring the maximum tax for the first period up to 64.16 per cent.

It is possible that German workers will have of what wages they have left paid in the form of I.O.U.'s. This is revealed by the Schwarze Korps, which adds that the exact form of these I.O.U. notes have not yet been decided.

DELAYED SAILING: SHIP'S CAPTAIN FINED

Summoned for having failed to notify the Water Police of the delay in sailing time of his ship from 4 p.m. on Dec. 8 to 10 a.m. on Dec. 7, Captain P.J. Green, master of the vessel, was fined \$40 by Mr. E. Hinshaw, at the Kowloon Court yesterday. Sgt. J. Michie prosecuted.

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| 12 | Hall | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| 13 | Be contiguous | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 14 | Oriental nurse | 15 | Turn aside | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
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| 17 | Hebrew letter | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 |
| 19 | Engine of war | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 20 | Persian fairy | 21 | Observe | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| 21 | Split pulse | 22 | Cut the outer part | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 22 | Small mountain lake | 23 | from | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 |
| 23 | By | 24 | mountain | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 |
| 24 | North American rail | 25 | lake | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 |
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| 27 | Split pulse | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 |
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| 29 | from | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 |
| 30 | Small mountain lake | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| 31 | By | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 |
| 32 | North American rail | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 |
| 33 | Fairy | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 |
| 34 | Observe | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 |
| 35 | Split pulse | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 |
| 36 | Cut the outer part | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 |
| 37 | from | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 |
| 38 | Small mountain lake | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 |
| 39 | By | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 |
| 40 | North American rail | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 |
| 41 | Fairy | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 |
| 42 | Observe | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 |
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| 48 | North American rail | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 |
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| 65 | Fairy | 66 | 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 |
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| 67 | Split pulse | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 |
| 68 | Cut the outer part | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 |
| 69 | from | 70 | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 |
| 70 | Small mountain lake | 71 | 72 | 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 | 79 | 80 |
| 71 | By | 72 | 73 | 74 | 7 | | | | | | |

"There Was Not Nothing Left For Me But Death"

TRAGIC WORDS UTTERED BY YOUNG GIRL WITNESS AT SHANGHAI STREET FIRE INQUIRY

"There was nothing left for me but death," was the tragic statement made by a 15-year-old girl, Li Sam, at Kowloon Court yesterday when the inquiry was resumed into the Shanghai Street fire disaster on the night of December 3.

Having said these words, the girl, who appeared short in stature for her age, proceeded to tell a dramatic story of how, with this thought in her mind, she set about the task of surviving the fire. She proceeded to flood the kitchen by opening a water tap.

"I remember the fire," Li Sam said some three blocks away. They said. "When it broke out I was cooking congee in the kitchen, and having done so put one bundle of about 20 catties under his bed and another bundle, of about the same weight, under another bed in the room.

His own bed, Li said, consisted of wooden boards supported on two trestles. The other consisted also of wooden boards. These rested on four supports. When they completed their work, the apprentices left. Soon after, Wong Sui, one of the shop boys, came back to the kitchen and hid myself under the fireplace.

There was nothing left for me but death. I threw some dry sawdust, into the iron grating near the fireplace where the dirty water went down. I wanted to block up the drain. At the same time I turned on the water tap. I also shut the kitchen door.

FELT THE HEAT

The water flowed first into the large water jar that was underneath the tap, but later it overflowed. I stayed in the recess just under the fireplace. I did not know if I was quite safe there. I felt the heat, but the flames did not reach me.

While I stayed there, the kitchen windows caught fire and were burnt out. Occasionally it became so hot, I had to scoop some water from the floor into my hiding-place to cool it. I remained there till the fire had burnt out.

It was a long time. Finally, I got out and stood on a concrete stone slab where the chopping block stood usually. From there I called out: "Save life!" through the open window.

A Fire Brigade officer came up through the window. He took me down into the street. There I was put into an ambulance. I was taken to hospital, from where I was discharged on the following day.

While I was in the kitchen, I do not remember having heard or seen anyone else. I was not injured in any way. There was much smoke in the kitchen, but no other part of it caught fire but the windows.

HOW FIRE STARTED

Lo Lam, aged 51, a cotton quilt maker, told of how the fire started on the first floor of No. 480, Shanghai Street.

On the day of the fire, he finished work in the shop on the first floor about 2 p.m. He stayed on the floor to look after the shop, while the time away in preparing some cotton to be worked on next morning.

About 8 p.m., two apprentices arrived from his master's shop

40 MADE-UP QUILTS

Beside the 40 catties of cotton wool the apprentices had measured out, there was a small quantity of that material also on the verandah. There were also in the room about 40 made-up quilts, hanging down separately from wooden ceiling and wrapped up each in brown grass paper. These quilts were stuffed with cotton wool and weighed about seven or eight catties each.

"I lay down on my bed shortly after 8 p.m.," witness said. "After some 15 or 20 minutes I sat up and struck a match, lighting my pipe. I threw the burnt match on the floor. I had satisfied myself that it was out, but it was still glowing slightly. I used only one match, and I threw it on the other side of my bed."

"I had been smoking a little when I noticed a light near the head of my bed. That light came from near where I threw the match down. When I saw this I immediately jumped up. The cotton under my bed was already alight."

"I tried to smother the fire with the quilt I was using to cover myself. This did not put the fire out, but the bundle under the bed next to mine caught alight from the flames that darted out from under the quilt I was using to smother the fire with."

HANDS AND LEGS BURNT

"I could not put the fire out and by this time my hands and legs were burnt. I don't know if there was anyone to give me assistance. I did not see Wong Shu."

"I continued struggling thus for about 10 or 15 minutes. When I gave up the struggle, I was already so excited I cannot say how much the fire had spread. I had to leave because of my burnt hands and feet."

"I met nobody on the stairs as I ran down. I stood on the footpath in the street by the staircase for a short while. I called out twice 'Fire!' but I don't know if anybody heard me. Later, I walk-



Two prominent Hongkong Chinese, Miss L. Tan and Mr. S. T. Hsu, after their marriage on Wednesday.

H.K. REFUGEE AND SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL

The Hongkong Refugee and Social Welfare Council acknowledges with thanks the following gifts during the month of December, 1939:

November \$60, Staff of St. Stephen's Girls' School for St. Peter's Food Kitchen School.

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Clothes and Socks, Mrs. Sten.

Flower seeds and vegetable seeds, Clover Flower Shop.

Toys and gifts, Miss E. S. Atkins.

Christmas gifts, Miss Wile.

Vests, Miss Buckland.

Thermos Flask, Miss Thom.

50 bags of rice, Chow Chun Relief Association, Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

GROOM & BRIDE FROM MANILA

Registry Wedding In Hongkong

Mr. Richard Charles Deane and Miss Joan Margaret Sibald, two Manila personalities, who arrived this week from the south, were married yesterday at the Registry, Supreme Court.

The bridegroom is a well-known chartered accountant in the Philippine capital.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Registrar of Marriages, officiated at the ceremony, and the witnesses were Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Dobson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following forthcoming marriages are announced:

Mr. Andres Sadie, musician, of No. 10, Stewart Road, third floor, and Miss Ramona Leung, of No. 31, Morrison Hill Road, first floor;

Lance Corporal George Edward Brown, of Wellington Barracks, and Miss Cheong Shuit-chun, of No. 5, Fenwick Street;

Mr. Ho Wing-chung, wireless operator, of No. 3, Lung Kong Road, third floor, and Miss Chan May-kun, of No. 7, Fung Fa Terrace;

The next witness heard was Wong Sui, who corroborated some of Lo's evidence. The inquiry will be continued this afternoon.

Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen is sitting as Coroner, and the jury comprises Messrs. B. A. Gellman (foreman), Wong Kwal-yin and J. A.

Remedios.

led to my master's shop where my burns were treated with oil.

The foreman of the jury, Mr. Gellman, questioned the witness as to his experience with cotton wool on fire. Witness replied that ordinarily cotton wool is very inflammable. He noticed the fire spread quite evenly over the cotton, and there was little or no smoke.

The next witness heard was

Mr. Lau Cho-hee, clerk, of No.

107, Hollywood Road, first floor, and Miss Lam Suk-ching, of No.

141, Portland Street, third floor;

Mr. Lee Hsi-chi, merchant, of No. 5, Ching Fung Street, second floor, and Miss Yung Pi-yun, of the same address.

Hongkong A.D.C. To Present "The Circle" In February

PROCEEDS IN AID OF B.W.O.F.

For their first production of the 1940 season, the Hongkong A.D.C. have chosen Somerset Maugham's wittiest and most amusing comedy, "The Circle," which will be presented at the China Fleet Club Theatre for four nights, 21-24, inclusive.

WITTY COMEDY
The play concerns the complications and reactions which ensue when Lady Catherine Champion-Cheney, who thirty years before gave up all "for love" and ran away with a married man, is held up as an awful example to her daughter-in-law, Elizabeth, who is seriously thinking of doing the same.

The situation is very amusingly worked out and the play is full of scenes and situations in which all the author's gifts for witty comedy and biting cynicism are seen at their best.

THE CAST

The cast contains a number of old Hongkong favourites, including Helen Prior, who has been a stalwart stand-by of the Hongkong A.D.C. for many years now; Cyril Chapman, in the part of a crochety and irritable old Peer, always having trouble with his false teeth and with original ideas on the sanctity of Bridget and Winnie Cox as Elizabeth.

It will be remembered that Winnie Cox played with great distinction in a former production of the A.D.C. "Night Must Fall."

A NEWCOMER

Beth Smith-Wright has a small part, and among the newcomers is E. B. Teesdale, who is shaping very well in the part of a some-

Unlawful Possession Of Wood

Three men, who were arrested in Cheung Chau, were jointly charged with the unlawful possession of 1,501 catties of tree wood. They were each fined \$250, or three months' imprisonment by Mr. R. Edwards, at the Central Court, yesterday.

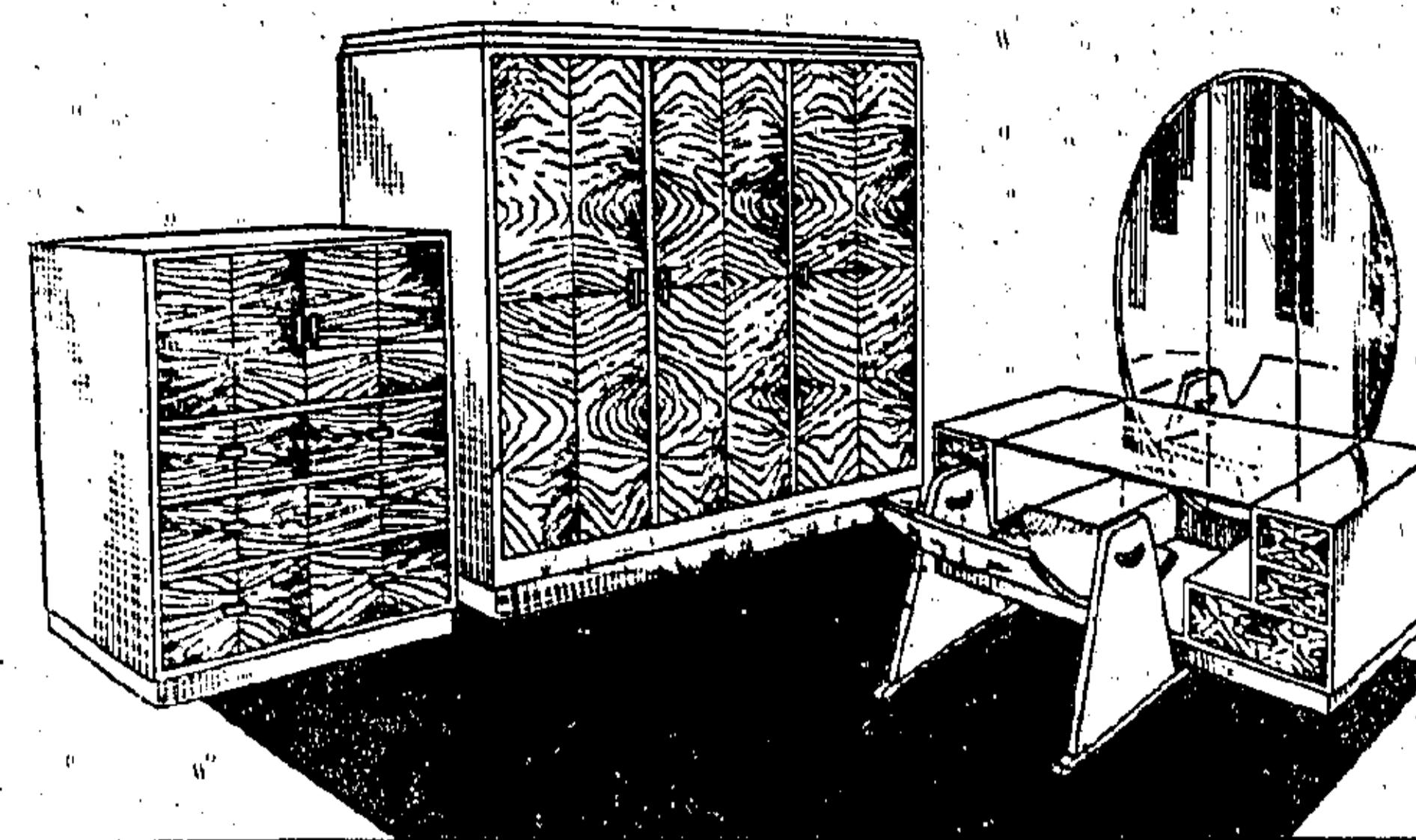
The men were Li Tung, 21, unemployed; Lo Ng, 27, and Ho Yau, 26, farmers.

Serg. Whitcroft told the Court that he saw Ho Yan carrying a sling of firewood, which he threw away when witness approached. He followed Ho to the sea-front and found the two other defendants with a large quantity of firewood.

what "tough" planter home leave from the F.M.S.

Altogether the production promises to be a great success, and will undoubtedly provide a good antidote to the troubles of the times. All the proceeds will be devoted to the British War Organisation Fund.

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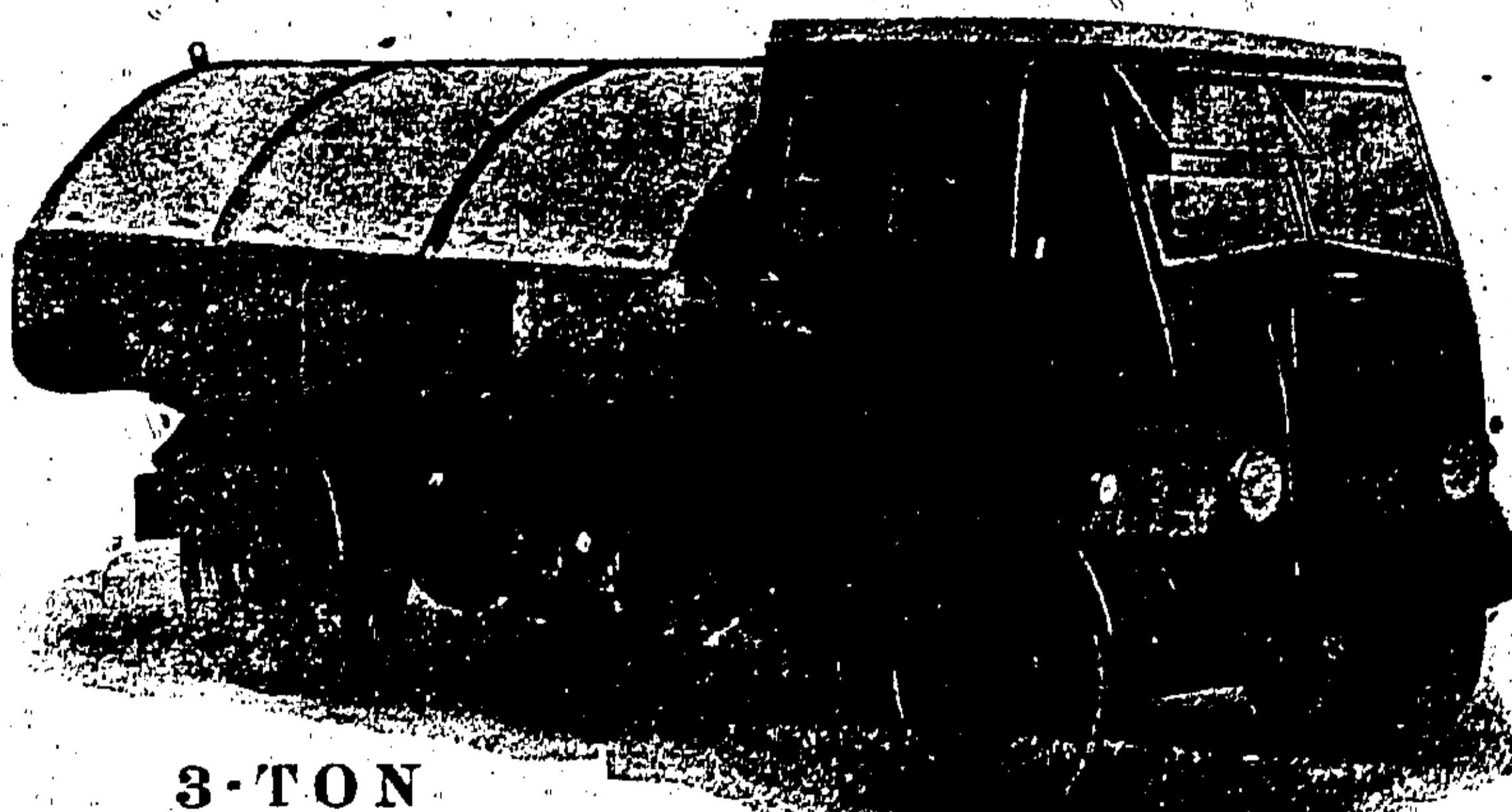
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NOTICE is hereby given that the Court has by virtue of the provisions of Section 58 of Ordinance No. 2 of 1897 made an order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to 3rd day of February, 1940.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

BEACONS.
Solicitors for the Administrator,
1. Des Voeux Road Central,
Hong Kong

CLAIM AGAINST
SILK STORE

Victor de Dodwell, seller of jewellery, brought an action in the Summary Court yesterday before Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell against the Jubilee Silk Store, Nathan Road, seeking recovery of \$632.36, being proceeds of the jewellery sold by defendants on behalf of plaintiff and stock alleged kept by the defendants.

The claim was denied, a counter-claim for \$105 for three months' rent being filed by the defendants.

Mr. C. A. Sutherland Russ was for plaintiff, and the defendants were represented by Mr. M. A. da Silva. The hearing was adjourned to February.

OPEN VERDICT ON
WOMAN'S DEATH

An open verdict of "death due to concussion, but as to how or by whom that concussion was caused the Court has no evidence" was recorded at the conclusion of an inquest held at the Central Court yesterday, into the circumstances surrounding the death of a woman, named Fung Lin-yuet. Mr. T. J. Houston sat as Coroner while Det. Insp. L. R. Whant appeared for the police.

LOCAL ESTATES

The late Mr. James Daniel Bush, former Professor of English Literature at Sun Yat-sen University and a well-known Hongkong resident, who died at the Hongkong Sanitorium and Hospital on Nov. 29 last, left local estate sworn under \$7,400. Probate has been granted to the widow, Victoria Mary Bush.

The following estates have been proved:

Cheung Yick (or Yik or Yit) Cho (or Tso), alias Cheung Chan-kin, retired coal merchant, estate of \$36,200. Probate has been granted to the sons, Cheung Fuk-ki, Cheung Kwok-wa, and Cheung Fuk-hoi.

CHINESE DOCTOR
CAUTIONED

Dr. Li Ki-fong, former Medical Adviser to the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, who appeared on remand before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest, at the Central Court yesterday, charged with the unlawful possession of poisons, was cautioned for the offence.

BERLIN DEGREE
Mr. Alfred Y. Hon, who appeared for the defence, pleaded guilty. He submitted that Dr. Li had obtained his medical degree in Berlin University in 1921. He remained in Berlin where he had been practicing his profession for a year, having returned to Canton China, in 1922.

LEAGUE ESSAY
WINNERS

In the hall of St. Stephen's Girls' College yesterday afternoon the prizes for the League of Nations Essay Competition were awarded.

Mr. S. V. Boxer, B.Sc., distributed the awards to the various winners. Chinese group: Lin Thuan-koo, Chan Heung-mui, Lei Kwing-tan and Lam Fung-hoi.

English group: Mona Shand, Aquilar, Cham Sarwarkhan, Lily Ehumgara and Chung Shin-chee.



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AMERICAN
VIEW

DOES IT MATTER to Americans now what Wilson was trying to do in 1915, or what Jefferson was attempting in 1807? Yes, it does. With war in Europe, these questions emerged from academic twilight into the high noon of practical consideration of America's continuing peace. Today the United States's peace depends on the wisdom with which Americans tackle problems of neutral rights which are not coverable by legislation such as the Neutrality Act.

MOST AMERICANS SYMPATHIZE with the Allied cause. But some of them hesitate to give economic aid to this cause. These fear that, as in 1917, the United States may add military to economic aid. The fears arise in part from over-simplified interpretations of the 1917 decision, and in part from failure to recognize the revolutionary change in attitude toward neutral rights manifest in the 1939 neutrality legislation.

WHILE RECOGNIZING the difference of attitude as between Wilson's insistence on trade and travel rights—his interpretation of the latter being open to question in any case—numerous Americans imagine that in Jefferson's day, at any rate, embargoes and trade restrictions were attempted as keep-out-of-war measures, as they are today. They know that pressure of shipping and other commercial interests resulted in the lifting of these laws in the last month of Jefferson's administration and that by 1812, the United States was at war. But in likening the Jeffersonian experiment to that now undertaken they overlook a vast difference in motives.

JEFFERSON'S MEASURES were not directed toward insulation, but toward assertion of American rights on the seas. The embargo was not intended to signify any renunciation of these rights, as does the cash-and-carry law; Jefferson applied it as a retaliatory measure against countries interfering with American rights at sea. Thus both Wilson and Jefferson were devoted to maintenance of rights which Americans have now shown themselves willing to forego. And some historians believe that the dual character of these attempts—the insistence on rights plus the hope of keeping out of war—was what made them so difficult for their administrators.

AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND the American hope of keeping out of 1939's war seems not so futile as some imagine it to be. Likewise the danger from economic support of a cause with which Americans sympathize and with which important national interests intertwine would seem less than in 1812 or 1817. Some have felt that American experience in those two conflicts proved that only by abstinence from trade could American peace be preserved in time of major war.

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AIR FRANCE
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IN 1939

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FEW DELAYS

On a very few occasions, planes were delayed a day in their arrivals and departures owing to weather conditions, otherwise the Dewoitine arrived and left punctually at their scheduled times.

The success met by this line during the preceding year, since its inauguration, continued throughout 1939, many passengers availing themselves of the comfort of Air France planes to go to Hanoi, India and Europe.

The following is a summary of the activity of the Company in Hongkong:

PASSENGERS

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IMPERIAL AIRWAYS
PLANE ARRIVES

The inward mid-week service of Imperial Airways from Bangkok arrived at Kai Tak yesterday at 3.25 p.m. The mail load from all Empire ports totalled 174 kilos.

Arriving on the plane were Mr. N. MacMillan and First Officer J. F. Raeburn, both travellers connected with Imperial Airways. Mr. A. L. Maysingh was the other passenger, travelling from Calcutta.

Air France Departures

Departing by the Air France service yesterday morning were Mr. L. Larcher to Hanoi and nine Chinese passenger, whose names were not revealed.

Mail load outbound totalled 15 kilos.

AIRPORT NEWS

Imperial Airways:
SOUTHBOUND

Sunday: Hanoi, Bangkok.

Delta—7 a.m.

NORTHBOUND

Monday: Bangkok, Hanoi, Hongkong.

Dnebola—4 p.m.

Air France

NORTHBOUND

Wednesday: France, Hanoi, Hongkong.

Service—4 p.m.

SOUTHBOUND

Thursday: Hanoi, France.

Service—6 a.m.

Far American Airways.

EASTBOUND

Wednesday: U. S. A., Manila, Hongkong.

Philippine Clipper—2 p.m.

WESTBOUND

Thursday: Manila, U. S. A.

Philippine Clipper—8.30 a.m.

DRAINS CONGESTED

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EDITORIAL

CONDITIONS IN
SHUMCHUN

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WRECKED AND ROBBED

"Every bit of timber in the district, even doors, and household furniture were used by the Japanese for firewood and the poor unfortunate people returned to find their homes wrecked and robbed," he told me.

"While the Chinese Government cannot undertake to refurbish their homes," Mr. Chau continued, "We are ready to assist deserving cases with food, seeds for sowing new crops and even clothing, and several cases are being closely examined for this purpose."

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It is then heard soldiers drilling in the yard outside. Rushing to the window, I saw a group of guerrillas lined up. They were parading before their mid-day meal. In a corner-room I espied five men lying on mats on the floor. On inquiry, I learned that they were prisoners.

The men had been arrested for cutting and stealing the electric cables from the power house and were awaiting trial. I saw on closer examination that they were bound by their wrists behind their backs and also chained to the wall.

Several shops in Shumchun have been re-opened and the market was a fairly busy place with several stalls already operating. There was a row of opium dives in one street and all of them seemed to be doing excellent business.

One woman, proprietor of a millinery shop, was having her establishment cleaned up. She told me that she had lost \$5,000 worth of stock.

I walked through almost every street of the town. One out of every ten houses was re-occupied. The people wore expressions of calm and confidence. At every junction armed guerrillas stood on guard behind sandbag barricades left behind by the Japanese.

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It is interesting to record that

no fees are asked for institutional treatment of Tuberculosis (as in Hongkong). In Lancashire and elsewhere in England and Wales, an occupational training in village settlements is also free—the families of patients being taken without charge.

Some 705 beds are provided for

cases suffering from Tuberculosis of the lungs. This is equivalent to

one bed for every 2,637 members of

the population, or eighty-two beds

for every 100 deaths from Pulmonary Tuberculosis. For Tuberculosis of bones, joints, glands and other parts of the body, there are 276

beds; that is to say, one to every

8,733 head of population or 143 for

every 100 deaths.

RUSSIAN CONCENTRATE TROOPS FOR FRESH ONSLAUGHTS ON FINNISH FRONTS

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Finnish circles in London state that the Russians have concentrated "astonishingly large masses of troops" on the Salla and Lake Kianta fronts. Hence the Finns expect to face new onslaughts there shortly.

Fighting Qualities Of The Finns

BRUSSELS, Jan. 11 (Havas)—The Finnish soldiers are displaying marvellous fighting qualities. General Badoux declared, when he returned here yesterday after nine months spent in Finland in the capacity of adviser for the construction of the Mannerheim Line, Gen. Badoux said: "I led, during the Yter Battle, the famous Manen Van Den Genie! I saw the French and British fight in the World War and I was still more astonished when I saw the fighting qualities of the Finnish soldier. The Finns are helped by the most modern organization in defense line in which machine-guns are invulnerable and visible on the surface, with small-sized armoured 'bells' in which the machine-gunner is invisible while covering a large field. He is protected on the flanks by two other heavy machine-guns. The Finns let the Russians approach to 200 meters and then open fire, which is a real sweeping away of human lives."

ITALIAN COMMENT

ROME, Jan. 11 (Havas)—Rome papers are commenting freely on the Finnish victory in Suomussalmi.

The Messager states: "This disaster plainly demonstrates that the Kremlin has morally lost the war. Whatever Moscow may do to alter the trend of its military enterprise, which is causing so much bitterness to the Soviet leaders, nothing can give back the Soviet armies the honour they have lost on the Finnish battlefields."

To commemorate the centenary of the introduction of adhesive postage stamps, the Postmaster General in Britain announces that in May a special series of lower priced stamps will be issued.

JAPANESE FORCED TO WITHDRAW FURTHER IN NORTH KWANGTUNG: CHINESE PUSH TO TSENGSHING

JUNKS BURNED

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eluding the Japanese, but the greater part of the fleet, about 70 junks, were surrounded by the ring of Japanese vessels.

RING TIGHTENED

The ring was tightened as shelling progressed. A few junks sank; the rest were eventually boarded by parties of the trowlers, tied together and destroyed by fire.

Scenes of horror were described by the survivors, who stated that the Japanese machine-gunned the struggling people in the water for more than two hours. It was not until the great bonfire had settled and they were certain that they had disposed of the junks' crews that the Japanese steamed away.

Between 10 and 20 people were on board each junk at the time, it is stated, so that over 1,000 lives were probably sacrificed.

Estimating each junk to cost \$15,000, including gear, loss of property, therefore, amounts to more than \$1,000,000.

FIRST BIG DISASTER

Japanese molestation of fishing junks in South China noticeably diminished in the last six months, and, though several small incidents were recently made known, this is the first large-scale disaster to be reported.

It is estimated that since September, 1937, when the first fishing junk was known to have been stopped and burned by the Japanese, at least 1,000 craft have been lost and more than 15,000 persons have perished or have not been traced.

The "normal fishing" popula-

tion of Hongkong is between 70,000 and 80,000, and the normal earnings of this vast number worked out at an average of \$200 per head per year, reach the staggering annual total of about \$16,000,000.

In the last two years, however, Japanese interference caused the annual returns to drop to only about \$6,000,000. At least 30,000

Air Battle Over North Sea

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The Air Ministry announces that an R.A.F. formation encountered long-range enemy fighters far out over the North Sea yesterday.

A running fight, lasting half an hour, followed.

CRASH INTO SEA

One Messer-Schmidt 110 was seen to crash into the sea and it is known that another was forced to land in Denmark.

One of our aircraft was lost but the remainder, after beating off the enemy, continued to the easterly limit of their reconnaissance and returned safely.

CONSIDERABLE ACTIVITY

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Considerable aerial activity was seen from towns on the south-east coast of Scotland before noon today when three black planes believed to be German, were chased out to sea by British fighters.

The Chief of the Military College said that if Soviet Russia is not stopped on the Karelian Isthmus, Sweden will be in danger.

Sweden knew from the years 1809

to 1813 what it means to have a Russian border close to her own and "we don't want to have that situation again."

Another trainload of Swedish volunteers has left Stockholm for Finland.

SWISS UNEMPLOYED FOR MILITARY SERVICE

BERNE, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Twenty-two thousand unemployed will be drafted into military service according to the latest decree passed by the Federal Council.

They will be entitled to the same pay as those in regular military service.

All able-bodied unemployed who refuses to enter military service will be deprived of their unemployed benefits.

NO ENGAGEMENT

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Meanwhile, political circles are

MORE HASTE THAN ACCURACY

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The two German bombers which attacked British shipping off the East Coast on Tuesday, aimed forty bombs at the British steamer Northwood (1,166 tons), but all missed.

NO CASUALTIES

There were no casualties among the crew, although the ship was swept with machine-gun fire.

One of the planes was hit above the fuselage by the Northwood's Lewis gun and immediately afterwards both machines made off.

When the vessel arrived in port yesterday, the Captain said that the German machines dropped to ty bombs with more haste than accuracy. The attack lasted ten minutes.

NAVAL STATEMENT

The Naval Authorities state that, with reference to the German High Command, Communiqué of Jan. 9, German aircraft attacked 15 isolated ships not in convoy off the East Coast of Britain throughout daylight on Jan. 9.

The majority of the ships attacked, of which four were Danish, were small, unarmed merchant vessels; but, in spite of being bombed, only two, totalling 3,000 tons, are known to have sunk.

The people in the streets of a Kettish town heard distant heavy gunfire about 1 p.m. but no planes were seen.

On the Essex coast, anti-aircraft guns were also in action against unidentified aircraft flying eastwards at high altitude over the Thames Estuary. No sirens were sounded and no bombs were dropped.

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As the last hypothesis is impossible, it is conceivable that Germany and Russia may sooner or later completely join hands.

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WESTERN FRONT

2 NAZI RAIDS REPULSED

PARIS, Jan. 12 (Reuter)—Two German patrols raids on Tuesday, were halted, with heavy losses to the enemy. The German raiders came into contact with French patrols and there were brisk exchanges of rifle-fire and hand-grenades.

HEAVY FOG

Due to the heavy fog, there was little air activity, save for long reconnaissance flight by Nazi planes over North-West France.

FIRST LORD'S TRIBUTE

PARIS, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Before leaving France, Mr. Winston Churchill said he has been much impressed by the co-operation and friendship which existed, not only between the British and French Staff Officers, but of all others, especially the lower ranks.

Any one at home, who was gloomy about the war, would benefit by spending a few days with the British and French armies, he said.

H.M. the Queen has approved the appointment of Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, to be Commandant-in-Chief of the Women's Transport Service.

UNSTABLE ALLIES - SOVIET EQUILIBRIUM

(Special to the Hongkong Daily Press)

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Havas)—Many observers here are asking themselves whether the unstable equilibrium between the Allies and the Soviet is going to last and many are answering in the negative.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech yesterday shows that Britain is not taking the initiative to attenuate the present tension unless Moscow abandons its Finnish adventure and all indications show that Moscow is determined to pursue the campaign.

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GUAM IMPROVEMENTS

Special to the H.K. Daily Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (Havas)—Havas understands that no separate project for the fortification of Guam will be made during this session of Congress, but credits will be necessary to improve its naval and air facilities which will be included in the Naval Budget for "improving air base."

Nevertheless, the paper continues, he is able to look ahead to the eventual problem of the next peace settlement. The real strength of Anglo-French unity would not be seen until the Nazi danger is destroyed.

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FRENCH PRESS

The French press emphasises the importance of Mr. Chamberlain's remarks on Anglo-French collaboration.

A United Sunday School Children's service will be held in St. John's Cathedral on Sunday at 3 p.m. when all Churches will be represented.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 18 to 19, Jan. 1940.

HIGH WATER LOW WATER

| Day of Week | Date Standard Time | High Water | Low Water |
|-------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Fri. | 18 | 12 10 h. m. | 05 15 h. m. |
| | | 12 10 4 7 | 05 15 6 9 |
| | | 22 45 7 1 | 16 50 3 4 |
| Sat. | 19 | 12 42 h. m. | 05 47 1 1 |
| | | 12 42 4 8 | 05 47 6 7 |
| | | 23 10 6 7 | 17 00 3 8 |
| Sun. | 20 | 12 15 h. m. | 06 22 1 4 |
| | | 12 15 4 9 | 06 22 1 4 |
| | | 23 30 6 2 | 17 40 3 6 |
| Mon. | 21 | — | 04 56 1 9 |
| | | 13 45 4 0 | 04 56 1 9 |
| | | 04 00 5 7 | 13 28 2 8 |
| Tues. | 22 | 14 11 h. m. | 19 21 4 0 |
| | | 14 11 5 0 | 19 21 4 0 |
| | | 04 34 5 2 | 06 00 2 5 |
| Wed. | 23 | 14 45 h. m. | 20 58 4 0 |
| | | 14 45 5 2 | 20 58 4 0 |
| | | 01 20 4 6 | 08 26 2 9 |
| Thurs. | 24 | 15 25 h. m. | 23 00 2 9 |
| | | 15 25 5 5 | 23 00 2 9 |

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\$80,000 SPENT ON RELIEF WORK IN CHINA

CHUNGKING, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Over \$80,000 have so far been distributed by the Chungking Branch of the British Fund for the Relief of China, formerly known as the Lord Mayor's Fund since the establishment of the branch here last March.

Out of the total of \$140,000 received, some \$60,000 remain.

Grants have also been made for relief work in Honan.

LIBERTY BONDS DRAWING

SHANGHAI, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The eighth drawing of the 1938 Liberty Bonds was held yesterday, the five terminal numbers drawn being 170, 483, 593, 696 and 827.

Payment of capital and interest aggregating \$1,700,000 will be made, beginning on February 29.

NEW YORK, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Two members of the Canadian Shipping Board arrived here from Ottawa to discuss the possibility of acquiring American ships for the transport of Canadian goods.

PREMIER'S CONFIDENCE IN BRITAIN'S READINESS TO FACE GRIM STRUGGLE AHEAD WINS WORLD PRAISE AND APPROVAL

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Worldwide interest is being shown in Mr. Chamberlain's speech at Mansion House on Tuesday. His words of confidence that Britain is ready to face a grim struggle ahead meet with approval.

All American papers print the text of the speech and typical comment is that of the New York Times, which says: "Mr. Chamberlain's speech crackled with determination to win the war, no matter at what cost."

Nevertheless, the paper continues, he is able to look ahead to the eventual problem of the next peace settlement. The real strength of Anglo-French unity would not be seen until the Nazi danger is destroyed.

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CONFIDE IN FAITH PRIOR

H.K. EMPLOYMENT

SHANGHAI BUSINESS girl has sent this department a short note asking about employment and living conditions in Hongkong, and that we answer through this medium, concerning the possibilities.

REGARDING POSITIONS of merit for young women here in the Colony, they are far and few. We should advise you to hold on to your position in the North and, at a later date, say, on your vacation make a trip to Hongkong when you can investigate working and living conditions for yourself. Have you tried connecting a firm having a branch office in Hongkong? There might be a possibility that you can secure a position in this way. Sometimes it happens that local business houses here import their office employees from Shanghai, Manila or Singapore. Commercial business in Hongkong is going along but not in a "booming" manner.

THE IN-LAWS

IN-LAW TROUBLES is a young wife now in her third year of married life. In the past nine months her husband's relations have arrived to live here from various parts of the China Coast, and have evidently made the young wife's home life difficult. They are constantly in her home uninvited, they criticise and raise discussions over her management of the home. Can she be rude and ask them to get out and stay out of her house?

FIRST OF ALL speak to your husband about this feeling and the conditions. Do not exaggerate or criticise his relatives, merely state the facts, without comment. Tell him exactly how you feel. He may be able to clear up the whole situation. If this does not work out, commence to be difficult and a little rude to your unwelcome guests, no doubt they will probably decide you are a horrible creature, but it might be worth it for peace of the home. There are many small ways by which you can inform them they are not wanted without being out and out rude.

For instance, if they remain late in the afternoon, and you know they intend to stay for dinner, have the cook prepare this meal for you and your husband, then at the dinner hour rise and pardon yourself sweetly informing them that you did not expect to have them for dinner and consequently the menu does not allow the added company. After which suggest calling them in a taxi and fetching their wraps. Push these people nicely and sweetly out of your home and after several weeks of this practice you will notice their more frequent absences.

HEATED LETTER

OLD FASHIONED secretary writes an amusing and heated

letter concerning her young employer and number two in the office where she has been employed for three years. She does her work well, efficiently and willingly, however, she does not believe it should include evening entertainment for a young man "whose eyes are not quite sincere!" The problem is what can she do about the constant invitations she receives from him, the situation is becoming a bit uncomfortable for her?

THERE ARE SUCH things as "office romances" and many times they have turned into marriage even though the smart secretary knows her employer better than he does his family or wife. Unless you object to the young man it would not be out of order for you to accept one of his invitations. But, if you do, be very careful of your conduct and do not try to carry on the next day in the office the informal social attitude of the evening before. If you do not care to accept the invitations tell him kindly that you are practically engaged and your time is devoted to other sources.

After you tell him this sincerely and do not at any time encourage him, I am sure you will not be annoyed further. Another thought—do you think he could be "kidding" you? That he might almost faint if you did accept?

DEAR FAITH PRIOR: I feel a little guilty. The other evening I accepted an invitation to the motion pictures and dinner in the hotel later. I attended the theatre and was half-way through dinner when I became very annoyed and disgusted with my escort. Excusing myself, I went to the ladies' powder room, wrote a chit to the man pardoning myself and explaining that I had gone home. Then I dashed into a taxi, leaving him. The following day, he telephoned but I refused to speak with him and I do not wish to see him again but my conscience bothers me a little. Should I write him another note of apology? GUILTY CONSCIENCE.

DEAR GUILTY CONSCIENCE:

Such conditions do occur and maybe we take the wrong course at the time, then there is nothing to do but admit your error and apologise. I suggest you write the gentleman a note again, begging his pardon, it is not necessary for you to give reasons for your conduct. If you do not wish to see him again keep away from the telephone and do not make further engagements with him. When you see him on the street or in public smile and nod your head but do not stop to converse. Eventually he will get the idea you do not wish to nourish his acquaintance.

Each week in this column FAITH PRIOR answers questions of a personal nature submitted by readers of the Daily Press.

Pockets For Spring

Fashion designers are at it again and this time they are manoeuvring pockets. Spring's fashions have pockets extra large, and outside, to the small inside types.

Huge patch pockets at the waist on a wool street and afternoon frock.

Then again there is just one pocket, leather reinforced on a suit of bluish-wine tweed. This trimming is on the left hand side of the long jacket below the waist.

The big knapsack pockets are amazing. Two flanking each side of a bulking top-coat of pinky beige duvetine. The English girls and women of London will welcome this style.

Fur pockets on street dresses and suits are very new and they are quite large making them stand out and lending quite a dash to the outfit.

Dinner suits have pockets too!

And your sport togs for warmer days have huge outside square pockets on the jackets or plouses which are tailored severely and worn outside of slacks or shorts.

Of course, when you possess such large carrying spaces in your frock it is an invitation to fill the cavities—but it won't be fashionable!

CHARM AND LURE IN PERFUME

Perfume and its fragrance is a potent force with two especially dominant actions. First, it is one of the primordial feminine lures, and, consequently, should not be categorised along with eye shadow and a new jewellery gadget. And, second, it is an extraordinary powerful memory stimulant. A mere pin-prick of fragrance, and forgotten moments pass through your mind.

Some of them rich and full of force, which you wonder how you ever forgot. Some a bit foolish which (unaccountably) your subconscious found worthy of note.

A perfume, sweet and soft, with a breath as warm as a midsummer's eve, or one of those wintry carbonated, crystallized scents will bring a rush of memories . . . parquet floor, reeling under a fast waltz . . . a little inn, way up in the hills.

Or, one of those infuriating bewildering, atavistic odours will give you that sense of "but I've done this before . . . I've been here before!" Thus proving perhaps, that imagination is merely the other end of memory.

NATURAL SCENT

Everyone has a natural fragrance, almost imperceptible to others, and quite unnoticeable to herself. But it is the natural scent, coupled with perfume, which gives you your personal fragrance. Select your perfume with introspection and the same disregard for price that you would show if you were buying personality over a counter.

Fee! a little psychic about your perfume; regard it as an intimate, personal quality, rather than a compound which merely reacts on the nose . . . keep your bottles tightly sealed and away from the light. Don't overdo the enchantment to be handled carelessly, on the grounds that fully, the subtlest, most unanalytical you can no longer smell it. Realise that fragrance is a potent, elemental force. But don't let that intimidate you . . . Civilisation has gentled it down until it is acceptable even to the reticent. Marvel a little at a glass bottle that holds an essence of an intangible, and realise, with a wisdom, that fragrance is a secondary substance.

Use it on your perfume, and see that it emanates from your hands, your hair. It should always appear to be coming from under your skin. It should never have a radius of more than a foot.

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White rubber crepe, darling of many ladies' hearts, gives the poufed-in swim suit effect. As a trim, animals or nature's beings, bang the centre front.

Pale blue rayon jersey and crepe are designed into a three-piece play suit. Blouse, front button skirt and a lumber jacket, short bolero is the new addition.

New beach dresses, in rayon stripes, cover the ladies from neck to wrists; the skirts are pleated or flared and short.

SINS OF FIGURE

The new princess swimming suits are welcomed by damsels with large hips. It is made of white cloche cotton crinkly as a bark and it conceals many sins of figure.

A dead white suit, simple and skirted of clinging rubberized fabric shows up that lovely sun-tan you can acquire.

Another outstanding swimming suit, and welcomed by actually swimmers, is a classic, skirted model. It has a square neck with low back and fits the figure like paper on the wall. The material is

WOMEN'S INTERESTS**A NOVEL DESIGN****Round The Shops**

No doubt the majority of shoppers about our city are at present snowed under with Christmas bills and have curtailed their hours in the shops and stores. Then, again, many of you find cold and chilly weather has come and it will continue until after Chinese New Year, and you are in need and searching for the inexpensive but smart and warm attire.

Maybe we can help you.

SWAGGER COATS

LANE, CRAWFORD is known for the tailored and smart sports coats. The cut, material and tailoring is always excellent, in fact, you can tell one of their coats a block away.

Now, they are showing new swagger coats in lovely "squishy" wools of bright colours including the favourites, black, navy and brown. The plaids, checks and pastel shades are unusual and distinctive. And the surprise is the price \$45 and upward.

MID-SEASON

The mid-season of the fashion year is always a trying time. Everyone is tired of the frocks they have been wearing since early winter and spring's fashions have not come into complete bloom. But MAYOS, in the Gloucester Arcade, has thought of this and ordered just a few models of good values at reasonable prices to help their clientele through these weeks.

Evening frocks, demure or sophisticated of lovely coloured crepes and satins are being shown besides the dressy afternoon frocks. These later models are quite chic enough for dining, dancing and theatering. The silks in the dresses have been well selected and are in flattering and new shades.

And don't forget to have a "look" at their novelty accessories. Maybe you need a lift to your soul or there is a birthday or anniversary this month?

WHOLESALE DISCOUNTS

RIVELLE, in the Gloucester Arcade, is staging a sale of her complete specialty stock with various reductions on select groups.

Coats and hats are reduced to half-price, which should be good news now that the cold weather is here. The coats are in various categories of styling from the plain tailored models to the more dashing and exotic.

Evening and afternoon frocks have been marked down twenty per cent, from their original price. Maybe you are having mid-season difficulties and need a new formal gown, then don't forget to have an inspection here.

Once you have settled on your perfume, make it a part of the way you live! And use it! It is discouraging to see dressing-tables owners, with a false sense of economy, use toilet-water as a substitute, unaware, apparently, that perfume and toilet-waters were never intended to serve the same purpose.

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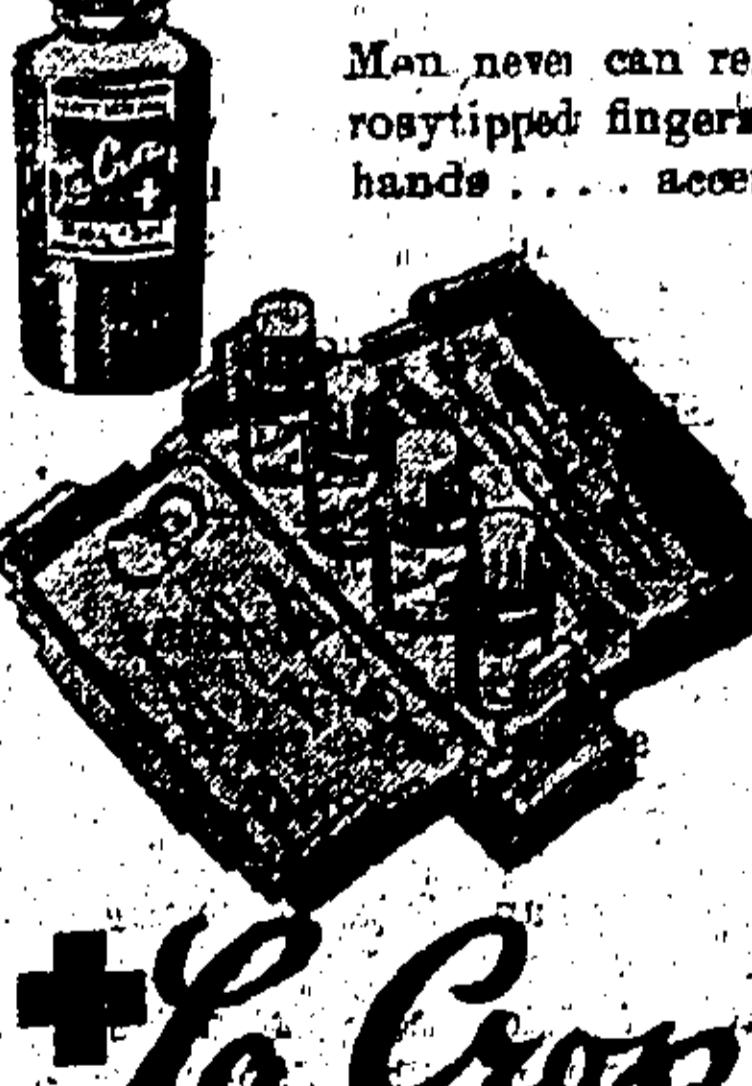
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FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE

CLOSING QUOTATIONS
JANUARY 11, 1940.

| | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| On London: | |
| Telegraphic Transfer. | 1/2 13/16 |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 1/2 13/16 |
| Credits 4 months' sight | 1/3 0/32 |
| On Shanghai: | |
| On demand | 290° |
| On Singapore: | |
| On demand | 52 1/2 |
| On Japan: | |
| On demand | 103 1/4 |
| On India: | |
| Telegraphic Transfer. | 1/2 1/8 |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 1/2 1/8 |
| On New York: | |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 24 3/8 |
| Credits 4 months' sight | 23 |
| On Batavia: | |
| On demand | 45 3/8 |
| On Paris: | |
| Bank Bills, on demand | 108 1/4 |
| Credits 4 months' sight | 1140 |
| On Saigon: | |
| On demand | 108 1/4 |
| On Manila: | |
| On demand | 45 3/4 |
| On Bangkok: | |
| On demand | 100 1/4 |
| Sterling Notes: | |
| Bank Buying Rate | 1/3 7/8 |
| Bar. Silver per oz. | 22 |

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

Silver prices rose 1/8 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 22 for Ready and 21.15/16 for Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being steady with a little general buying. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 395 3/8.

Market Quietly steady. There was hardly anything doing.

Sterling

Some business was reported at 1/21/16 for Cash during the early part of the morning. The market closed at 1 p.m. with sellers at 1/2, 15/16 January 1/22/32 February-March and 1/27/8 April-May buyers at 1/23/32 Cash, 1/21/16 March, probably February and 1/22/32 May.

U.S. Dollars

There were sellers at 249/16 January and 247/16 February, buyers at 241/16 Cash, 245/8 January and 249/16 February.

Shanghai Dollars

At the opening there were sellers at 303 for Spot and at lunch time sellers were quoted at 307 for Spot.

Shanghai Market

Sterling opened with sellers for Spot at 4.55/84 and U.S. Dollars at 8. The market closed at Noon with sellers of Sterling for Spot at 4.27/32 and U.S. Dollars at 7.31/32.

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U.S. Dollars

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Shanghai Dollars

Sellers for Spot at 306, buyers at 308.

Shanghai Market

Sterling sellers for Spot at 4.27/32 and U.S. Dollars at 7.31/32 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Jan. 11 (Reuter). Official T.T. Rates

London

New York

Japan

India

Paris

Hongkong

Sellers

Opening

Closing

Spot

7.31/32

Jan.

7.31/32

Feb.

7.31/32

U.S. Dollars

Spot

7.31/32

Jan.

7.31/32

Feb.

7.31/32

Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/21/24.

The Equalisation rate was 162 per cent.

New York Exchange

New York, Jan. 10 (Reuter).

T.T. on London (Opening Rate)

3.85-7/8.

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HONGKONGCOMMODITY MARKET REVIEW
(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

New York, January 10.

| SINGAPORE RUBBER | Previous | January 10 | Opening | Closing | Change |
|------------------|----------|------------|---------|---------|--------|
| S.P.O.T. | 38-7/8 | 39-1/8 | 39 cts. | up 1/8 | |
| APRIL-JUNE | 37-5/8 | 37-7/8 | 37-7/8 | up 1/4 | |
| JULY-SEPT. | 36-3/4 | 37 cts. | 37 cts. | up 1/4 | |

| LONDON RUBBER | Previous close | Today's close | buyer | buyer | Change |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------|-------|--------|
| S.P.O.T. | 11-13/16 | 11-7/8 | up 1/16 | | |
| APRIL-JUNE | 11-3/4 | 11-7/8 | up 1/8 | | |
| JULY-SEPT. | 11-5/8 | 11-3/4 | up 1/8 | | |

After ruling firm on covering demand, the market closed steady absorbed by further realising. There was a slight reaction later, after which demand broadened, buying becoming quite general. Sales of print-cloth for the week reached 50,000,000 yards. The tendency of cotton prices appears to be irregularly higher.

NEW YORK RUBBER: Shipment offerings were light. Continued factory demand was evident. It seems that only very little incentive would be required for a further advance.

CHICAGO WHEAT: A better feeling is developing owing to reports of a large scale buying of Canadian wheat by the British government and a better milling demand.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 149.84; Today's close, 150.15; Change, up .31.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(By Courtesy of Messrs. Swan, Culbertson & Fritz and S. E. Levy & Company)

| Prev. | To-day's | High | Low | Close | Change |
|-----------------------|----------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| New York Cotton, Mar. | 11.12 | 11.05 | 11.10 | 11.12 | .02 up |
| New York Rubber, Mar. | 19.69 | 19.55 | 19.50b | 19.63b | .13 up |
| Chicago Wheat, May | 1024 | 1003 | 1014 | 102 | .1 up |
| Chicago Corn, May | 581 | 573 | 582 | 58 | .1 off |
| New York Hides, Mar. | 14.90 | 14.60 | 14.80 | 14.80 | unch |

NEW YORK COTTON Close Opening Closing Change
January 11.18 N 11.06b/18a 11.21/21 .03 up
March 11.10/10 11.07/07 11.12/12 .02 up
May 10.79/79 10.77/77 10.83/84 .04 up
July 10.43/44 10.40/39 10.42/43 .01 off
October (New contract) 10.65 N 10.61/61 10.63/63 .03 off
December () 9.91/94 9.93/94 9.97/97 .01 off
Spot 11.43 N 11.45 N .03 up

Volume (in contract of 100 bales each) 59,400 bales
NOTE:—January cotton, last notice day, 17.140.

NEW YORK RUBBER Total sales for the day:—1,440 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT Total sales for the day:—28,587,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN Total sales for the day:—1,440 tons.

WINNIPEG WHEAT Total sales for the day:—1,440 tons.

TUESDAY'S SALES:—28,587,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN Total sales for the day:—1,440 tons.

NEW YORK HIDES Total sales for the day:—1,440 tons.

NY-LONDON CROSS RATE 3.95-7/8

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Jan. 10 (Reuter). TIN buyers sellers
Standard, Cash 248 248-1/2

3 months 246-3/4 247

SILVER MARKET LONDON SILVER

London, Jan. 10 (Reuter). Silver: Little general buying. Sellers scarce: Market steady. In the afternoon, the market was quietly steady.

Spot, 22d. Forward, 21-15/16d.

NEW YORK SILVER New York, Jan. 10 (Reuter). Silver, Official, 34-3/4.

BOMBAY SILVER Bombay, Jan. 10 (Reuter). Market—Steady. Offtake 25 bars.

INDIAN MINT SILVER Ready, 60-11.

Feb. 3 Settlement, 61-00.

Mar. 4 Settlement, 60-14.

Calcutta Exchange Calcutta, Jan. 10 (Reuter). T.T. on Japan, 70-7/8.

INDIA RUPEE PAPER Bombay, Jan. 10 (Reuter). Government 34% Rupee, 88-0 nominal.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE QUOTATION

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|---|----------------|
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| SHANGHAI and JAPAN | FOURTH WEEK. |
| MANILA, SYDNEY, and MELBOURNE, via Way Ports | FOURTH WEEK |
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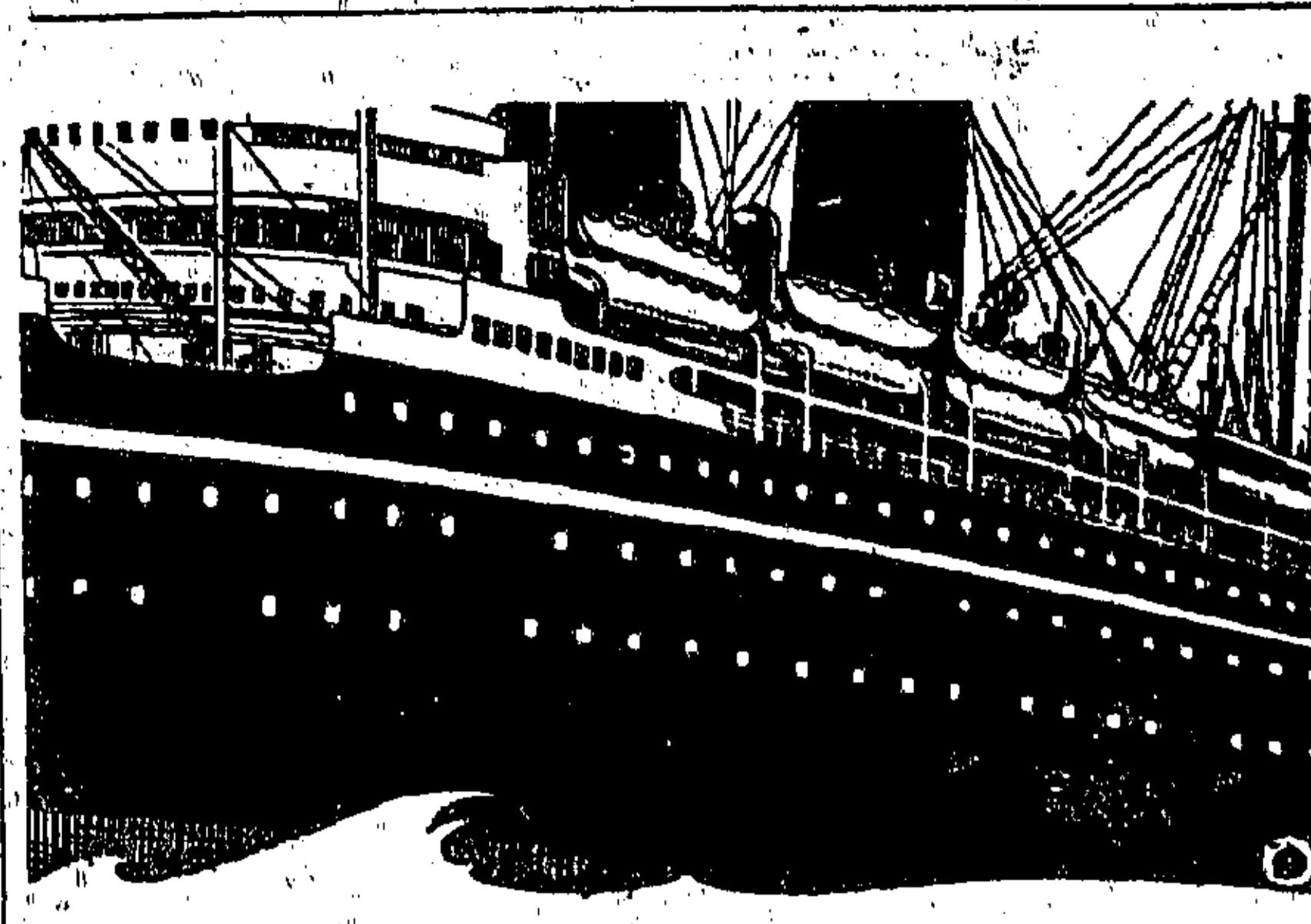
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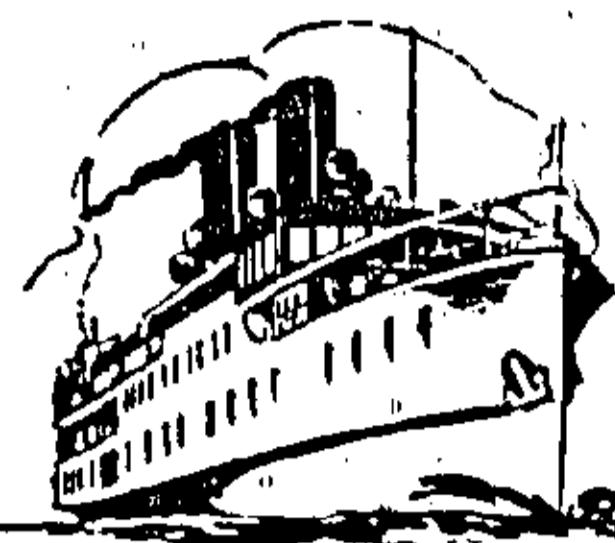
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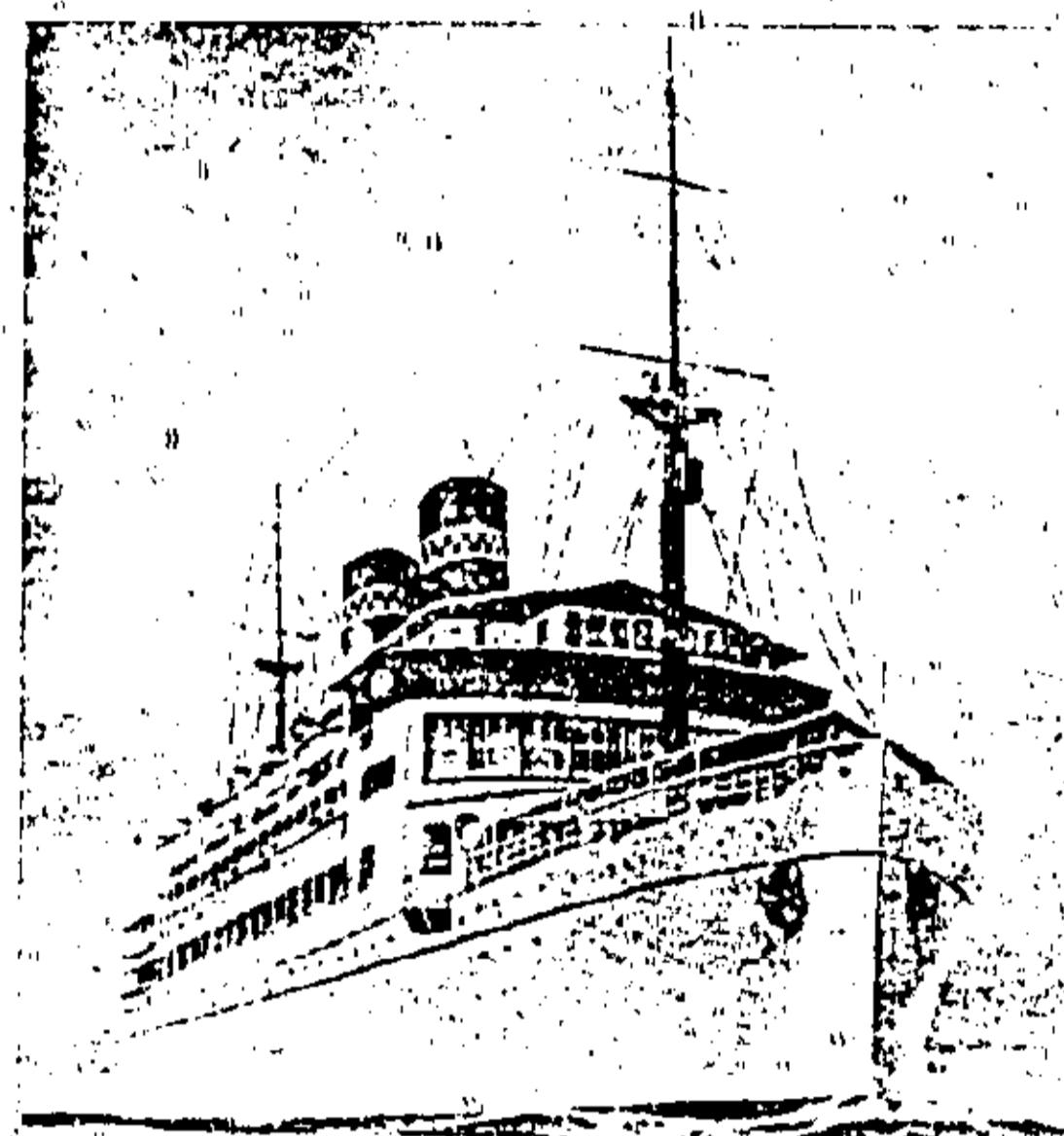


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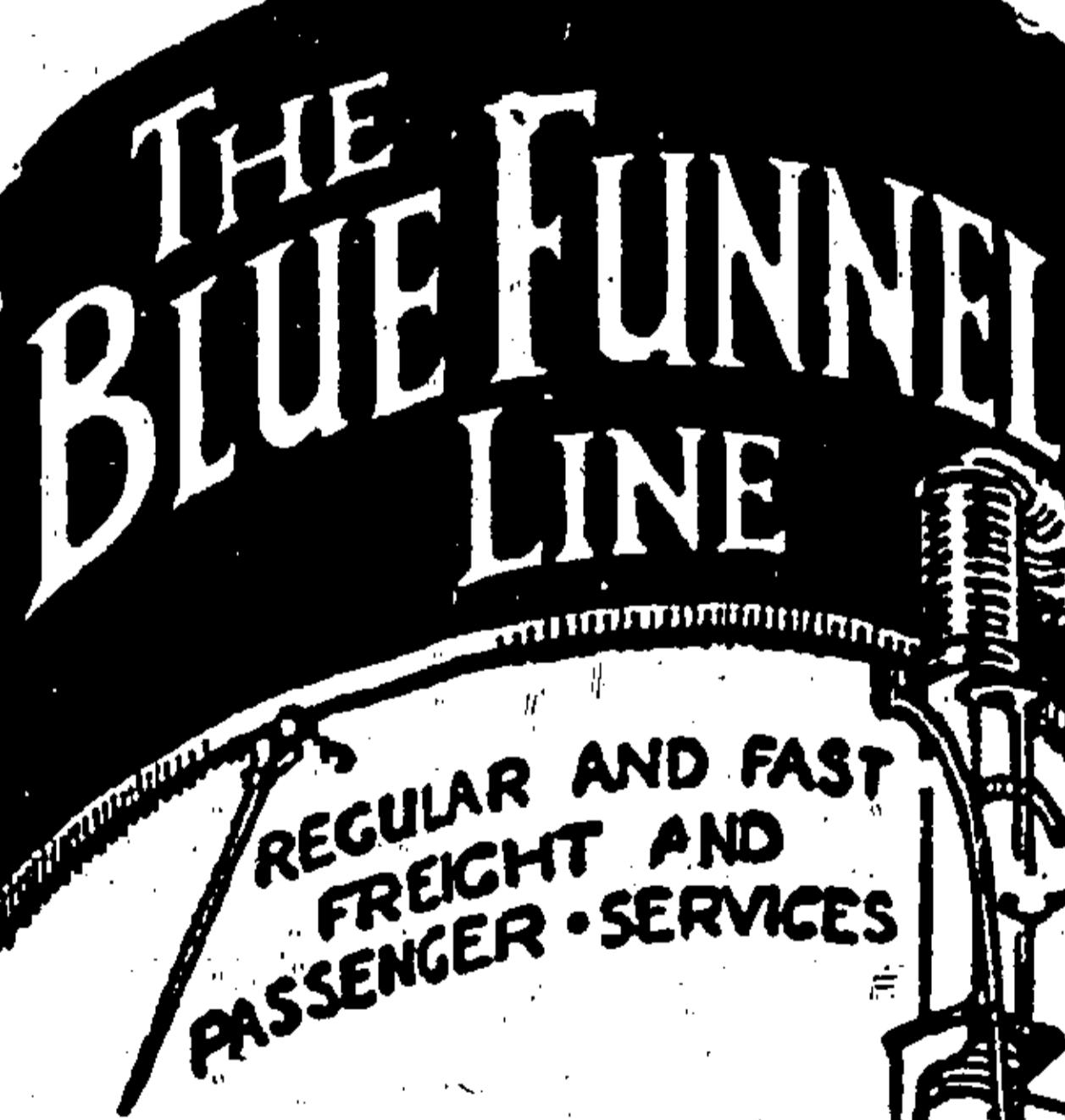
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JAPANESE & WANG CHING-WEI AS FAR AWAY AS EVER FROM REACHING FINAL AGREEMENT

SHANGHAI, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The Japanese authorities and Wang Ching-wei are almost as far away as ever from reaching a final agreement, despite all the excitement that appeared in the press recently. Reuter's correspondent was told by an authoritative source connected with Wang Ching-wei's entourage.

He added: "The only new development that occurred in the negotiations has been that terms of the general agreement reached some three months ago have been drawn up into a formula and deliberately allowed to leak out in Japan—presumably for purely Japanese domestic reasons."

WANG'S FOOTHOLD

CHUNGKING, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—The early establishment of a puppet regime in Canton by Wang Ching-wei is forecast by well-informed Chinese quarters here.

They claim that, despite the formation of the proposed Central Government of China under Wang Ching-wei by the Japanese, the

Peiping and Nanking regimes would remain more or less beyond the control of Wang Ching-wei who, therefore, must seek the establishment of his own foothold elsewhere.

Under present circumstances, Canton is only the logical place where Wang Ching-wei can establish his power.

Mr. Ku Meng-yu, who flew to Hongkong from Hongkong last month, is reported to have definite plans to declare his co-operation to Wang Ching-wei's recent move.

Mr. Ku Meng-yu returned to Hongkong on Dec. 14 by air after successful conversations here with Government leaders.

National Economy Savings Certificates

RESUMPTION OF SALE TODAY

With the permission of the Hongkong Government, the local sale of National Economy Savings Certificates issued by the Chinese Postal Bank, which was suspended a fortnight ago, will be resumed today, says Central News.

The certificates will be on sale at most of the local branches of Chinese banks and a number of department stores. The local Oversea-Chinese Bank and the Shanghai and Commercial Savings Bank are the principal agents and will undertake the repayment of these certificates when due.

As required by the Hongkong Government, the certificates will be subject to stamp duty in accordance with the Stamp Ordinance. The stamp duty of 10 cents per certificate will be borne by the Chinese Postal Bank.

NEW FEATURE

A new feature of the certificates sold here is that they may now be repaid not only in the Colony, but at any of the post office in China. When first placed on sale here, the certificates were only repayable at office of sale as required by the Hongkong authorities. This restriction has now been lifted.

The certificates are of two classes, bearer and registered, and are in six denominations, namely, \$5, \$10, \$100, \$1000, \$500 and \$1,000, all in Chinese currency.

Dr. S. Y. Liu, Director-General of the Chinese Postal Banks, officially expressed the Chinese Government's appreciation of the Hongkong Government's permission for resumption of the sale of the certificates in the Colony in a letter to the Government yesterday.

"Our Man-made Future" was the subject of an address given by Mr. J. L. Hadaway at the weekly meeting of the Theosophical Society yesterday.

Washington Aims At The Abolition Of Lynching

Special to the H.K. Daily Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11 (Havas)—Aiming at the definite abolition of lynching, the House of Representatives yesterday voted a Bill by which different States will be held responsible for any lynchings in their territories and will pay indemnities to the families of lynch victims.

POLICE OFFICER ROBBED

Chief Inspector W. H. Nollie, of the Shamshui Po Police Station, was the victim of a car-burglary on Wednesday afternoon, when his revolver, which was loaded with six bullets, was stolen. The thief also took away his wrist watch and \$12 in money.

The Bill is now awaiting the sanction of the Senate.

During heated debates, Congressmen accused the Republican sponsors in manoeuvring to "win over the negro vote."

It is pointed out that lynchings have steeply declined in recent years: 231 lynchings in 1922 against 20 in 1938, 8 in 1937 and only two in 1936.

3 JAPANESE CABINETS REVIEWED

SENIOR STATESMEN TAKEN TO TASK

TOKYO, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—In reviewing the records of the three cabinets, Prince Konoye, Baron Hiranuma and Gen. Abe, administrators which have been in office since the start of the Sino-Japanese hostilities, the Asahi takes

to task senior statesmen for alleged failure to pay any attention to the formation of a powerful national cabinet "in the true sense of the term."

The paper urges them to strive to form a powerful cabinet with a firm determination this time.

An important development in the political situation is likely to occur on Jan. 14 or Jan. 15, according to the Nichi Nichi.

The paper reports that Gen. Abe has abandoned the plea of facing the Diet with a vigorous attitude in view of the unfavourable atmosphere prevailing in senior Army and political circles.

The Nichi Nichi reports that Gen. Abe may attend the Privy Council on Jan. 13 when a protocol extending the fishery modus vivendi between Japan and the Soviet will be taken up for discussion.

GRAF SPEE DEFEAT ECHO

LONDON, Jan. 11 (BWS)—It may be recalled that attempts were made by the propaganda authorities in Germany to explain away the defeat of the Graf Spee by alleging that the British cruisers used mustard gas. These allegations were denied at the time by the British Admiralty, which stated that no mustard gas grenades or shells had ever been made for or used by the Royal Navy.

THE REPORT

The document bears nine signatures and reads as follows: "After careful examination of all wounded and sick from the battleship Admiral Graf Spee, treated in the Military Hospital and in the Pasteur Hospital, the special Technical Commission appointed by the Director General of the Army Medical Corps declares that it has found not the slightest trace of the symptoms which could give rise to the suspicion that they had been affected by war gasses."

SECRET TRADING WITH GERMANY

Special to the H.K. Daily Press LONDON, Jan. 11 (Havas)—The names of several neutral firms in China openly or secretly trading with Germany, are figuring, or will shortly figure, on the British "black list."

Such firms are at present endeavouring to form new business connexions. They are especially interested in the South American markets.

At the same time they are trying to act as commission agents for purchasing or shipping Chinese goods on American account.

These developments are likely

highly to influence the situation of the Chinese export market since such firms are naturally offering the most suitable conditions.

ONLY DIRECT LINK

They hope for co-operation with Japanese enterprises since the only direct link existing between China and the east coast of South America is formed by Japanese liners.

At the same time, German firms have also tried to act as representatives of American firms but in many cases some of the German firms, which represented here American concerns before the war, have lost these representations as the result of war laws prohibiting British and French purchasers from dealing with enemy firms.

Some of the German firms have thus camouflaged the original ownership to enable British and French firms to deal with them.

NAZI INTERNEES RELEASED ON PAROLE

LONDON, Jan. 11 (Reuter)—Of the 1,000 Germans interned in Tanganyika at the outbreak of war, 165 have been released on parole.

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